

**Superior Town Council  
Town Council Work Session**

**Thursday, July 9, 2009  
Superior Senior Center  
Superior, Arizona**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hing called the Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Pfohl, Councilmember Heigle,  
Mayor Michael Hing, Councilmember Aguilar.

**Member Absent:** Vice-Mayor Lopez, Councilmember Peralta

**Discussion:**

**1. Residential and Commercial Refuse Service provided by the Town of Superior.**

Mayor gave the floor to Town Manager, Melanie Oliver to start discussion regarding the Town of Superior collecting their own refuse from town residents and commercial businesses. Town manager introduced the President of ARS and his associate Mr. Campbell. Councilmember questions: Experience, ARS President is retired from Gasa Grande. They have been in this type of business for 22 years and are confident that this is the best way to go in doing our own refuse collections. ARS will provide the garbage trucks and the garbage cans for the town and has the knowledge of what the town is trying to do. Has been in communication with Public Works Supervisor Jed Lant and will continue to be for as long as necessary. Stated that 95% of surrounding cities operate their own garbage and 60% have their own landfill. We would be taking the garbage and dumping it in Apache Junction's landfill which is 30-45 miles away. Recycling might be beneficial but not financially. 20% of what is collected is probably recyclable. Recycling could begin as soon as 45 days to 6 months after project has begun.

Tipping fees vary, one suggestion was to buy our own trailer and tractor to pull, and that would be our worst case scenario. ARS focus is to sell a piece of equipment that will work for the Town of Superior. Maintenance of trucks will be provided by ARS they will bring a truck that is fully equipped to fix any problems; also a second truck will be needed so if the truck goes down there will be no service interruption. Councilmember Pfohl stated the public needs to be told the reasons for the changes, notify all of the residents of process for purchasing the garbage cans. Concerns

regarding injuries and safety were also discussed. Will this new venture create a shortage in staff with Public Works? Town Manager stated that the employees were already working for the town so no new employees will not have to be hired. These employee's were hired in anticipation of this change and they are CDL Certified. Public Works Supervisor will be running the system. ARS stated control issues seem to be the only thing we need to really work on. Residents must also have a house number on their residence. Pinal County should be able to assist the town with those numbers. This would also be the best time to do an audit... Suggestions, staff do some more research and gather all information also having Jed Lant do a ride along with some of the surrounding cities and see how effective they are.

Concerns from residents were the infestation of bugs, rats and smell if we house the garbage. They were assured that it will be taken to the dump in Apache Junction.

Councilmember Gutierrez stated that we must realize this is a business and needs to be run in a very professional way. Safety needs to be a top priority, safety, safety, safety. Do we have the staff to do that? He was assured by the town manager we did. Figures were discussed which would be more beneficial to the town to buy or to lease. Town manager stated we would be buying the truck and not leasing.

Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Motions to adjourn made by Councilmember Heigle, second the motion by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Motion passed unanimously

Work session adjourned at 6:56 pm